

No. 7 of 1918.

Divan's Office Savanur.

3rd January, 1918.

From,

Rajerao Vithal Mangalvedekar Esqr., B.A.,

Divan of Savanur.

To,

Meharban Captain Nawab Saheb ,

Diler Jung Bahadur, Savanur State.

Sir,

As per your verbal orders I asked the Karbaris^h of the States noted in the margin to kindly supply me with the information embodied in this

Jath	} Office No. 547 dated 1-12-17, Copy
Akkalkot	
Budgaum (Miraj junior)	
Mudhol	
Ramdurg	

of which is appended. The replies in original are enclosed for favour of perusal.

2). The Stamp Act, the Court fees Act and the Registration Act, that are in force in British ~~xxxx~~ Districts, are in force in Jath, Akkalkot and Ramdurg and the stamp duty and the registration fees levied are also the same.

In Mudhol too the same Acts are in force. The Registration rules however are different, being those obtaining in the Kolhapur State.

In Budgaum the Stamp Act and the Registration Act are different from those in British Districts. The former Act is very old, being introduced as early as 1869, as would appear from the Marathi Notification enclosed. I understand that there is no separate Court fees Act in the State, that there is only a Schedule to show advalorem rates of Court fees and that the rates of stamp duty and Court fees do not on the whole compare very favourably with those now in force in Savanur.

3). If the stamp duty is increased by 25% all round, we have not got instruments to manufacture stamps of the

value of 0-1-3 & 0-2-6. If the present duty on documents requiring one anna and two anna/stamps is retained, there will be no difficulty in manufacturing stamps of other denominations with the present instruments and selling them after raising the duty by 25%. This is as regards the working of the schedule of General stamp Act.

4). Before raising the Court fees by 25% all round —
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we shall have (revise the schedule of the Court fees Act, so that there will be no fractions of an anna creeping in. For instance, according to the present schedule of the Court fees Act, the advalorem fees from rupee one to Rs.5/- is annas 6. If 25% is added to this the result will be annas $7\frac{1}{2}$. These fees may, therefore, be raised to annas 8. If this is not done, there will be fractions of annas leviable through^{out} the present schedule.

5). I would respectfully make another proposal for your consideration with a view to increase the Revenue from General stamps and Court fees *and other funds*

The present Deccan Agriculturists' Relief Act, which is now in force in Savanur and which has not been brought into force in any of the Southern Maratta Native States, as far as I know, may be abolished. The abolition of the Act is very likely to result in Monetary transactions on a larger scale and will increase the number of Civil Suits as before. These transactions and the Suits will automatically increase the sale of General and Court fee stamps.

This Relief Act, appears to be in force only in the Bombay Presidency and not in any other part of British India. It is a Bombay Act and not an India Act.

Even from the Rayats' point of view the abolition of the Act would conduce to their ultimate benefit as it will practically stop the many sham transactions with which one now meets.

This measure may be given a fair trial for a year or two and if it does not result in a substantial increase

in the stamp Revenue, the proposed increase of the stamp duty by 25% may be brought into force or both the measures may be adopted simultaneously, as you may be pleased to think proper.

6). The increase in the Registration fees by 25% involves no difficulty of the kind indicated above. The average of past ~~xx~~ five years Registration fees comes to Rs.530/-. The increase by 25% would be Rs.130/- in round figures.

7). If any change is to be introduced in the Schedules of General stamp Act and the Court fees Act, or if the Bombay D.A.R. Act is to be abolished, a formal public Notice will have ^{to} be given in Savanur and in the State villages.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Divan of Savanur.



No 32 of 1918

Huzur Office, Savanur

Dated 21st January 1918

Returned with compliments.

- 2) The present duty on documents requiring one anna & two anna stamps is retained. The Stamp duty on documents of other denominations (both General & Court fees stamps) & the Registration fees are raised by 25 per cent all round.
- 3) The Schedule of the Court fees Act should be revised so as to fix the Court fees at the rate of 8 annas for every 5 rupees or fractions thereof & it should be submitted to the u/s for approval.
- 4) The rates of Revenue, Civil & Criminal Copying fees, comparing fees & cost of paper should be made double the present rate now charged therefor
- 5) The Bombay Deccan Agriculturists' Relief Act should be

abolished from the State as it is in no way advantageous to the Agriculturists of this State .

6) A formal public notice should be issued as to the above changes being made with effect from 1st of March next

Shahabuddin Khan
Captain.
Nawab of Savanur .

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H.H.

2/11/18
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Clerk of the Court to
Comptroller & an 3 & H.D.K
with para 6 Rh.

Order Notice to public about the changes
contained in the above order issued &
sent to the V.O. in the State for giving
publicity - 23-1-1918.

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Divan

No 1220 of 1918.

Divan's Office, Savanur
19th February 1918.

Respectfully Resubmitted.

2) A revised schedule under the Court fees
act is submitted herewith for favour of approval
as per para 3 above.

Shahabuddin
H.H.
Divan

Below No 122 dated 19th Feb 1918
from the Deputy of Lavanur.

No 174 of 1918
= Augur office
Dated 28th Feb 1918

Returned with compliments.

2) The revised Schedule of the Court
Fees Act herewith enclosed is return
appeared.

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Nawab of Sar

No 142 of 1918.

x as appeared
by the Court
Nawabshah
DB.

Copy of order No. 32 of 21/1/18
with a copy of the
Schedule.

With compliments for information &
guidance to:

- (1) Subjude J.C. & Magistrate J.C.
- (2) Headquarter & Magistrate J.C. & Subjude

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with the matter. To file & close

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SCHEDULE 1

Ad valorem fees.

Number	Proper fees.
1 PLAINT "WRITTEN STATEMENT PLEADING A SET OFF OR COUNTER CLAIM" OR MEMORANDUM OF APPEAL (not otherwise provided for in this act), "OR OF CROSS OBJECTION" presented to any Civil or Revenue Court except those mentioned in section 3--	
When the amount or value of the subject matter in dispute does not exceed five rupees.	Eight annas.
When such amount or value exceeds five rupees, for every five rupees, or part thereof, in excess of five rupees, up to one hundred rupees	Eight annas.
When such amount or value exceeds one hundred rupees, for every ten rupees, or part thereof, in excess of one hundred rupees, up to one thousand rupees	One rupee.
When such amount or value exceeds one thousand rupees, for every one hundred rupees, or part thereof, in excess of one thousand rupees, up to ^{five} xxx thousand rupees. ...	Eight rupees
When such amount or value exceeds five thousand rupees, for every two hundred and fifty rupees, or part thereof, in excess of five thousand rupees, up to ten thousand xxxxxx rupees	Twelve rupees
When such amount or value exceeds ten thousand rupees, for every five hundred rupees, or part thereof, in excess of ten thousand rupees, up to twenty thousand rupees ...	Fifteen rupees.
When such amount or value exceeds twenty thousand rupees, for every one thousand rupees, or part thereof, in excess of twenty thousand rupees, up to thirty thousand rupees	Twenty rupees.
When such amount or value exceeds thirty thousand rupees for every two thousand rupees, or part thereof, in excess of thirty thousand rupees, up to fifty thousand rupees.	Twenty rupees.
When such amount or value exceeds fifty thousand rupees, for every five thousand rupees, or part thereof, in excess of fifty thousand rupees	Twenty five rupees

Provided that the maximum fee leviable on a plaint
or memorandum of appeal shall be three thousand
rupees.

In the case of other articles the proper fee leviable thereon would
be 25% more than the fee prescribed therefor in the Indian Court fees
Act VII of 1870 as amended by subsequent Acts up to date.

Approved.

D/28/2/18

Asst. Secy.

Capt.

Nawab of Savanur.